



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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ADOPTED

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Sachi C. Hamai SACHI A. HAMAI SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR ITS WESTSIDE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (FOURTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Long Beach to use unspent Specified Project funds of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for its new Silverado Park Community Center Improvements Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.
- 2. Approve an alternative plan for expenditure for the City of Long Beach to transfer \$45,715.81 in Specified Project funds allocated under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subsection (EE), Paragraph (iv) of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 from its completed Westside Park Development Project to its new Silverado Park Community Center Improvements Project.

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3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant, in the amount of \$45,715.81 to the City of Long Beach for its new Silverado Park Community Center Improvements Project when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Long Beach (City) to transfer unspent Specified Project funds in the amount of \$45,715.81 into a new grant for its Silverado Park Community Center Improvements Project. The project will consist of replacing the flooring, baseboard molding, and painting the interior walls of the community center at Silverado Park.

The \$45,715.81 in Specified Project funds is part of a \$3,900,000 allocation to the City under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Subsection (EE), Paragraph (iv) of the 1996 Proposition for acquisition, development and improvement of Westside Park. The Westside Park Development project consisted of the development of newly acquired land incorporated into Admiral Kidd Park including site preparation, new restrooms, a parking lot, security lighting, irrigation, turf and tree planting. In addition, this project included the renovation of Hudson Park to include new ball diamonds, a new lighted soccer field, a restroom/concession building, play equipment, and tree planting. The project was completed for \$3,854,284.19 and the City now requests an alternative plan for expenditure to transfer the residual funds of \$45,715.81 to its new Silverado Park Community Center Improvement Project.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director) be authorized to award the grant to the City when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with CEQA requirements for the project, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects (Procedural Guide) previously approved by your Board.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), and Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), by allowing the City to use unspent grant funds to improve the community center at Silverado Park in Long Beach in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$45,715.81, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) Assessment Project Fund (HB4).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition set forth various deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the 1996 Proposition. Furthermore, the 1996 Proposition set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of the funds as follows:

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted Specified Project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by the Board.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

If your Board does not approve the City's request, the City may either request your Board's approval to fund a different project with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the District are required to comply with the CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City of Long Beach is the lead agency for the Silverado Park Community Center Improvements Project.

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The administrative actions proposed by the District are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants, which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by your Board in 2009. The Grant Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded through the District but are required so that the City may utilize the unspent grant funds on the proposed project.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney

Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Officer

County Counsel

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors